States/UTs on account of non availability of levy sugar needed for any upward revision on the basis of projected population of 1996.

Revised sale price of sugar under PDS

496. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised and raised the sale price of sugar under the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the extent of increase, and the revised price so fixed; and

(c) the reasons for the increase in price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government have revised and raised the retail issue price of levy sugar under Public Distribution System (PDS) w.e.f. 1.10.97. The price has been rasied from 10.50 per kg. to Rs. 11.40 per kg.

This decision has been taken in view of the likely increase in the prices of levy sugar due to the increase in Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for sugar season 1997-98 which has been fixed at Rs. 48.45 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5% subject to a premium for higher recoveries. In the last sugar season SMP was fixed at Rs. 45.90 per quintal.

States demand for enhanced allocation of foodgrains

497. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have demanded enhanced allocation of foodgrains to their States during the current year;

(b) if so, the steps taken to enhance the allocation to Orissa and other States since September last; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) To streamline the PDS for serving the population Below Poverty Line (BPL), Targeted Public Distribution System has been implemented throughout the country w.e.f. 1st June, 1997. Under the new system allocations of food grains are based on the average annual lifting for the past ten years taking into account the requirement of BPL families @ 10 kg. per month per family. Requirements of any State over and above the TPDS quotas, can be met subject to the availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool and at the rates which are commercially viable (Economic Cost) to FCI. However, Government has now decided to issue additional allocation of rice & wheat for the month of December, 97 on CIP applicable for Above Poverty Line families. A Statement showing the additional allotments of foodgrain (wheat and rice) to Orissa and other States since September, 97 is given below.

Statement

Additional Allocation of Rice and Wheat Made to Various States/UTs Since September, 1997.

(IN '000 Tonnes)

SL. NO.	STATES/UTs	RICE				WHEAT			
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH								
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1.802	1.802	1.802	2.540				
3.	ASSAM	8.488	8.488	8.488	15.000		10.000	10.000	10.000
4.	BIHAR								
5.	DELHI	0.080	0.080	0.080	5.000	10.150	10.150	10.150	17.930
6.	GOA	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
7.	GUJARAT	12.000	12.000	12.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
8.	HARYANA					5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
9.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000	2.500	2.500	2.500	4.410
10.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	19.800	19.800	19.800	15.000	10.359	10.359	10.359	21.540
11.	KARNATAKA	30.000	30.000	30.000	15.000				
12.	KERALA	80.000	30.000	30.000	15.000				15.000
13.	MADHYA PRADESH					5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
14.	MAHARASHTRA	20.000	20.000	20.000	10.000	30.000	30.000	30.000	15.000
15.	MANIPUR	3.740	3.740	3.740	5.840				0.990
16.	MEGHALAYA	6.338	6.338	6.338	6.338				1.460
17.	MIZORAM	3.083	3.083	3.083	3.083				0.950
18.	NAGALAND				1.000				
19.	ORISSA	20.000	20.000	20.000	10.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000
20.	PUNJAB				3.890				15.000
21.	RAJASTHAN	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000				0.790
22.	SIKKIM				15.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000
23.	TAMIL NADU	1.020	1.020	1.020	4.770				0.520
24.	TRIPURA								
25.	UTTAR PRADESH	0.000	7.716			0.000	25.497		
26.	WEST BENGAL				10.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	0.900
27.	A & N ISLANDS								
28.	CHANDIGARH				0.110				0.670
29.	D & N HAVELI				0.200				0.170
30.	DAMAN & DIU				0.470				0.150
31.	LAKSHADWEEP	2.400							
32.	PONDICHERRY	0.500	+	2.000	1.060	0.200			0.730
	Total	222.751	177.567	171.851	162.801	134.209	169.506	144.009	167.210

**These quantities of foodgrains will be issued at CIPs applicable for Above Poverty Line (APL) families.